

**Business Procedures and Non-Instructional Series**  
700 Series

**ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE OR REDUCED-COST MEALS**  
Code No. 710.2

Children who attend school in the district will be provided nutritionally acceptable meals at no cost or at a reduced cost. Whether or not a particular child is eligible for free or reduced price meals or milk will be determined by the food service director in consultation with the building principal, in accordance with guidelines set by the national School Lunch program. Decisions on eligibility may be appealed to the superintendent of schools.

In accordance with the guidelines for participation in the national School Lunch program, and in accordance with the wishes of the Board, no child who a teacher believes is improperly nourished will be denied a meal simply because the proper papers have not been filed by his parents or guardian. The needs of the individual child will always be considered first.

The criteria and procedures for determining a student's need and the steps to secure free or reduced price meals will be outlined and made known to the general public by the food service director. These criteria and procedures are established at the state/federal level.

Students who participate in free or reduced price meal programs will not be distinguished in any way from students who pay the regular price; great care shall be taken to protect anonymity of these students. Their names will not be made known to any person except such staff member or members as needed to make the special arrangements for them.

The Board, in accordance with state and federal requirements, adopts an annual policy statement as recommended by the Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs Division of the State of Iowa. That such a policy is adopted, and a copy of the policy statement and attachments, will be included in the minutes of the Board.

*Note: The annual agreement on participation in food programs between the school district and the State is on file in the office of the director of food service, together with copies of application forms, news releases, and appeal procedures. Copies of application forms are also available from each building principal's office.*

Legal References: Iowa Code, Section 283A

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